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Feet of Fines for the Period of Elizabeth I

The Purpose of a Fine.

To add strength and security to a conveyance that had already been virtually effected was then the prime motive for making or, as it was called, 'levying' a fine. This is shown by two Wiltshire examples. On 17 May 1287 Edward I granted by letters patent to Matthew son of John, knight, among other things the castle and manor of Devizes for life. In Michaelmas term in the same year Matthew acquired by fine the same estate from the king and Eleanor the queen.

1558

John Jones and Henry Earl of Arundell, John Lumley, knt., Lord Lumley and Jane his wife; messuages and lands in Kevell, common pasturage in Oxlese and Norwood in Kevell. £140.

1559

John Jones and Henry Earl of Arundell, John Lumley, knt., Lord Lumley and Jane his wife; messuages and lands in Kevall and Kevall Wyke, and common pasture in Northwood and Oxenley in Kevell and Kevell Wyke. £400.

1562

Reginald Garthe, gen. And Andrew Baynton, arm.; manor of Bulkynton, alias Biukynton, messages and lands and common of pasturage in Kevell, Calne and Hedynton. £280.

1567/68

Edmund Lambert, gen., and John Jones and Marion his wife and Jane Jones, widow; messuages and lands in Kevell and Kevell Weke, common pasture for twenty one aniamls in Northwood, and 5 animals in Oxenlease in Kevell and Kevell Weke. £170.

1573

Thomas Jones and Giles Estcourt, arm., & Elizabeth his wife, and John Jones and Marion his wife; messuages and lands in Kevell and Kevell wick, and common pasture for six animals in Northwood and two animals in Oxenleaz in Kevell. 460 marks.

1573/74

John Jones, jnr., and Thomas Jones and Rachel his wife; messuages and lands in Kevell, Buckynton and Steane, with common pasture in Oxenleaze and Northwoode. £40.

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